MINUTES

OF THE

SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN THE

State of North Carolina and Aajacent Parts:

Convened at Pilgrim's Church, Davidson County, on the third Sunday in May, and the following days,
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AND

ADJACENT PARTS.

THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY, A. D. 1836.

In pursuance of a Resolution, passed at the last meeting of this Synod, the Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina and adjacent parts, with their Lay Delegates, assembled at Pilgrim's Church, Davidson County, N C., at an early hour in the morning.

On the Saturday previous, the most of the brethren were already present. The Congregation having met to attend Divine worship, the Rev'd William Artz pronounced a discourse, from Mat. 13, 18---24, in the English language: Who was immediately followed by the Rev'd Jacob Scherer, who delivered a discourse from the 139th Psalm, and the 23rd and 24th verses, in the German Language: Both of which, were well calculated as preparatory to the celebration of the Lords Supper To complete the services, the latter of whom, added a suitable address, basing in its leading features on the Liturgy of our Church, and stated that preaching might be expected, both in the English and in the German language, on the following day of the Lord, and dismissed the Congregation with the divine benediction.

On Sunday morning, a large concourse of people assembled from near and abroad, for the purpose of attending divine worship at the Church. The Rev'd Clergy, with their respective Lay-Delegates, having now arrived more generally, the Rev'd President, Jacob Scherer, with the approbation of all the brethren, requested the Rev'd Ernest L. Hazelius, D. D., the Professor of the Theological Seminary, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Lexington, in S. C., to preach the Synodical Sermon. The Doctor accordingly delivered an able and highly interesting discourse, from John, 20, 20—31, in the English language. Immediately after him, the Secretary, the Rev'd Henry Græber pronounced a discourse in the German language, from John, 13, 8. During the same time of the German exercises in the Church, divine services were also performed at a stand, erected some distance from the Church in the woods, at which, the Rev'd William Artz addressed the audience, from Luke, 19, 21, 22, in the English language.—Both audiences having now accommodated themselves so far as room would admit in the Church: the President consecrated the elements of the Sacrement, and then, assisted by the Secretary, administered the Holy Supper of the Lord unto the other Ministers, and unto the Lay-Delegates, and a portion of the Congregation; who then invited the Rev'd Doctor Hazelius and the Rev'd W. Artz, to officiate in their room, who administered the same unto the communing members of the congregation at large, as well as unto some other Christian friends The solemn exercises were now closed, and the Christian Convention retired.—Prayer meetings were also held in the neighbourhood, both, preceding and succeeding the Holy Eucharist.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD.

Monday, May 16th, 9 o'clock, A M., A. D. 1836.

The Ministers and Lay-Delegates having convened in the Church, they united in singing a hymn and in prayer, with the Rev'd President, to implore the blessing of the Lord, to the transactions of the Synod.

The names of the regular members of Synod were now read, whereupon the following ordained Ministers and Licentiates that were present, answered to their names, and took their seats accordingly.

Ordained Ministers.	*Post Office Address.*
1. Rev'd Gotlieb Shober,	Salem, North Carolina.
2. " Jacob Scherer,	Rural Retreat, Wythe County, Va.
3. " Jacob Miller,	Davidson County, N. C.
4. " Henry Græber,	Near Salisbury, Rowan county, N. C.
5. " Daniel Scherer,	Hillsboro' Illinois.
6. " William Artz,	Holt's Store, Orange county, N. C.
Licentiates.	
7. " Jacob Grieson,	Alemance, Guilford county, N. C.
8. " Adam Greimes,	Wilkes county, N. C.
9. " Daniel Jenkins,	West.
10. " Edwin A. Bolles,	Salisbury N. C.
11. " Benjamin Arey,	Lexington, N. C.

Absentees.

Rev'd Gotlieb Shober,
" Daniel Scherer, and
" Jacob Grieson.

The Lay-Delegates were now called upon to present their certificates of appointment to this Synod ; whereupon, the following Gentlemen exhibited their credentials, and were invited to seats accordingly :

Lay-Delegates.

1 Mr. Jonas Hottel, Esq. from Rev'd Jacob Scherer's congregations.
2 " Michael Allbright, jr. from Rev'd Henry Græber's congregations.
3 " John Philippi, from Rev'd William Artz's congregations.
4 " Daniel Glass, from Rev'd Adam Greimes' congregations.
5 Col. John Smith, from Rev'd Daniel Jenkins' congregations.
6 Mr. Thomas J. Myers, from 2 congregations formerly under the charge of Mr. A. Seechrist.
7 " Moses L. Brown, from Rev'd E. A. Bolles' congregations.

The certificate presented by Mr. George Smith, was not constitutional, in as much as it could not represent a ministerial district ; and therefore, it was not accepted ; nor could he have equal privileges with the other Lay-delegates.

So, the Synod being formed, and consisted at present of 12 Members.

The Rev'd President now read his Report of the official business transacted by him during the past Synodical year ; and it was afterwards laid on the table.

On motion, unanimously resolved, that this Report be accepted.—*Vide*—p. 15.

The Rev'd President, according to the order of business, now informed the members of Synod of the election of Officers for the ensuing year ; and also stated, that the Synod would confer a favor upon him, by not re-electing him as President ; in as much, as he was located beyond the Blue Ridge, and nearly at the remotest bounds of this Synod.

Hereupon, it was, resolved, that each Officer of Synod be voted for separately.

The members proceeded to balloting ; and on counting the votes, it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly elected : each to serve for one year :

Rev'd William Artz, President.
" Henry Græber, Secretary.
Col. John Smith, Treasurer.

The Rev'd President now introduced to this Synod, Professor E. L. Hazelius, D. D., and Mr. Henry Muller, Esqr. appointed Commissioners from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina to this Body, who were invited to a seat and vote, and to partake in all our Synodical transactions.

The Rev'd Edwin A. Bolles and the Rev'd Benjamin Arey, were also introduced to this Synod, and received as members of the same.

The Rev'd Mr. Bennet, Ministerial Delegate from the Classis of the German Reformed Church being present, was likewise introduced to this Synod, and was admitted as an advisary member.

The reading of the minutes of last year was dispensed with for the present.

All letters and communications or verbal notices, intended for the Synod or Ministerium were now called for, handed in, opened and numbered.

The President then laid the question before the house; whether the presented documents should be taken up and discussed before the whole house, or whether they should be first referred to Committees?

Hereupon, resolved, that they be first referred to Committees, and that the President appoint said committees. He accordingly appointed the following committees:

I.

On the Rev'd Gotlieb Shober's Address to this Synod.

Rev'd Jacob Sherer,
Mr. Henry Muller, Esq. and
" Jonas Hottel, Esq.

II.

On the expediency of a union of efforts in the support and patronage of the Seminary at Lexington, South Carolina.

Rev'd Jacob Scherer,
" Henry Græber,
" Daniel Jenkins,
Col. John Smith and
Mr. Jonas Hottel.

It was now moved and seconded, that this committee confer with the present Commissioners from the Synod of South Carolina on this important subject.

III.

On Petitions.

Rev'd Jacob Scherer,
Dr. E. L. Hazelius and
Mr. Thomas J. Myers.

IV.

On the Minutes of the different Lutheran Synods.

Rev'd Jacob Miller,
Mr. Thomas J. Myers and
Col. John Smith.

V.

On the President's Report.

Rev'd Henry Græber,
" Daniel Jenkins and
Mr. Michael Allbright, Jr.

Moved and seconded, that Synod adjourn until after preaching.

Prayer by the Rev'd Dr. Hazelius.

The Rev'd Edwin A. Bolles delivered a discourse, from Hos. 14, 4, in the English language.

After divine worship, the Synod resumed its session for a short time; and the business being of great importance, it was thought expedient to give sufficient time to the different committees to make out their Reports by to-morrow morning.

Moved and seconded, that the synod adjourn until 9 o'clock in the morning.—Prayer by the Rev'd President.

Tuesday, May 17th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The synod met, and united in singing and prayer with the Rev'd President.

Mr. Moses L. Brown, Lay delegate, from Rev'd E. A. Bolles' congregations, appeared now in synod, produced the certificate of his appointment, and was invited to have equal privileges with the other Lay delegates.—His late arrival however, surprised the synod.

The Rev'd President now called for a Report of the committee appointed at the last session of this synod, to carry on the plan of the proposed Manual Labour School, in order that the members of this synod might learn what information they had obtained, and what other measures they had taken in the work assigned them?

Two of the gentlemen of said committee being present, who informed the synod, that they had taken some measures in the work, though not altogether unsuccessful, yet far from being sufficient to make the necessary progress in a plan of this kind; and also stated, that they are of opinion that it is impracticable to establish an Institution on the Manual Labour plan, within the bounds of this synod.—This Report was accepted.

The Chairman of the first committee was now called upon to report.

No. 1. The committee appointed to examine the same, ask leave to report, that it is an affectionate address from the Rev'd Gotlieb Shober to this synod, in which he begs to be excused for not attending this synodical meeting, on account of old age and bodily infirmities. He informs this synod, that he has resigned the pastoral charge of the Hopewell congregation, and prays that the same may be supplied with a minister to serve regularly, and that he may be considered as an assistant.

Your committee recommends, that the Rev'd Mr. Shober be excused for not attending this synod, and that said address be referred the Ministerium.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JACOB SCHERER, Chairman.

Resolved, That this report be adopted.

No. 2: Your committee, whose duty it was made to take into consideration the expediency of uniting our efforts in the seminary concern of our brethren in South Carolina, have attended to the same, and now ask permission to submit the following Report:

Proposals of the Commissioners from the South Carolina Synod, to the Committee appointed by the North Carolina Synod, were, as follows:

1. The Synod of South Carolina will allow that of North Carolina such share in the government of the Institution established at Lexington, as their portion of the funds shall equitably entitle them to.

2. The students from North Carolina that enter the Seminary, shall be entitled to free tuition as well as the students from South Carolina.

3. The fund collected by our brethern of North Carolina, shall remain under the control of the Synod of North Carolina, and only its yearly proceeds made over to the Treasurer of our Seminary.

Having also heard the Constitution, and course of studies read, as pursued in the Seminary at Lexington, South Carolina, to our entire satisfaction.

We would therefore, recommend that the Synod appoint two Delegates, one Clerical, and one Lay-Delegate, to meet the Synod of South Carolina at its next session in November next, with instructions from this body, to unite our efforts with our brethern in South Carolina, in the support of their Seminary. Respectfully submitted,

JACOB SCHERER, Chairman.

This report was attentively heard by the Synod.

It was now moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That two Delegates, one Clerical and one Lay-Delegate, be elected by ballot, to meet the Synod of South Carolina at its next session.

The election was held, and on counting the votes it appeared, that the Rev. President, and Col. John Smith were chosen.

Resolved, That in case the above elected Gentlemen could not find it practicable to comply with their Delegateship; alternates would be required.

Resolved, That the President appoint two alternatives immediately.

He accordingly appointed:

The Rev'd Secretary and
Mr. Moses L. Brown as alternatives.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the President to prepare instructions for those Delegates who shall meet the next South Carolina Synod; and report to said Delegates. ☞

He accordingly appointed the following Gentlemen:

Rev'd Jacob Scherer,
" Daniel Jenkins, and
Mr. Jonas Hottel Esq See p. 15.

It was moved and seconded, that each Minister of this Synod be constituted an agent to solicit and raise all the contributions he can at home and abroad for the support of the Seminary at Lexington, S. C.

Resolved, That each of said Agents be authorized by this Synod to solicit and receive donations for said object, in five instalments, not exceeding five years; so that one fifth part be paid annually, until the said number be expired.

Resolved, That said Agents be hereby requested, to report to those Delegates who shall meet the next South Carolina Synod, what sums they may have solicited, raised or secured for the Seminary by the first day of October next.

Resolved, That the necessary expenses of said Delegates to and from the Synod of South Carolina, be defrayed by this Synod.

No. 3. The Committee appointed on the same, respectfully reported: The report was heard in open Synod, and though sufficient time and fair invitation were given by the Rev'd President, for any observation to be made by the persons concerned no observation at all was made; it was then entirely adopted See—*

Moved and seconded, that a Committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, and report to the Synod.

The President appointed:

The Rev'd Jacob Scherer and
Mr. Moses L. Brown.

Moved and seconded, that Synod adjourn until after divine worship.

Prayer by the Rev'd Dr Hazelius.

To day the Rev'd Benjamin Arey pronounced a sermon from 1 Kings, 19, 9: last clause.

After divine service, Synod resumed its business.

* Whereas some gentlemen plead the re-consideration of the two first sections of the report on No. 3; it was at last resolved, that said sections of the report be re-considered. And after some deliberations, it was deemed expedient that a Committee be appointed in the room of those two sections.

It was now moved and seconded, that the President appoint a Committee of three persons to investigate, and if practicable, settle the differences between the Lutheran Sewitzes Church and a new Congregation called Enoch's Church in Rowan County, N. C. and report at the next session of this Synod.

He accordingly appointed as a Committee.

Messrs. Dewalt Lentz, Sr.
" George Vogler and
" Benjamin Fraley.

The three last sections of the above report are as follows:

1. The paper marked by the Committee, No, 3, is a petition signed by a number of persons in Wilkes and Surry Counties, N. C. praying for the ordination of their Pastor, the candidate Adam Greimes.—Your Committee recommends the reference of this request to the Ministerium.

2. The papers marked No. 4, 5, 6, are petitions concerning the Rev'd D. Jenkins from Union Congregation, Rowan County, and Coldwater Congregation, Cabarrus County, N. C. Your Committee recommends a reference of these papers to the Ministerium.

3. The documents marked No. 7, 8, 9, 10, are petitions from the following Churches in this State, to obtain the ministerial services of Rev'd Mr. Arey, viz: No. 7, from Pecks Church; 8, Pilgrims Church; 9, Sandy Creek; 10, Bethel Church; and No. 11, 12, 13, are similar petitions from Chilhowee, Collep's congregation and Southfork of Holston in Virginia.

Your Committee recommends in both cases a reference of these petitions to the Ministerium. Respectfully submitted,

JACOB SCHERER, Chairman.

These sections of the report were adopted without any amendments.—See p. 12.—Ministerial Session.

No. 4. The Committee on the same, to whom were referred one copy of the minutes of the General Synod, and the minutes of District Synods so far as they have been received, beg leave to submit the following report.

General Synod.

The Officers of this Synod are,
Rev'd J. Bachman D. D. President,
" J. Z. Senderling, Secretary,
Mr. S. H. Buehler, Treasurer.

Your Committee have discovered in the above mentioned minutes, that said Body appointed a Committee of eight members present, from the different Synods, in connexion with the same, to revise the Constitution of the General Synod, and suggest such alterations as they deemed expedient; the Committee revised said Constitution, and your Committee would recommend that the same be adopted and annexed to our minutes.

Pennsylvania Synod.

This Synod convened in Germantown, Penn., 1835. This Body has ordered a certain number of their minutes to our Synod, which have been received.

The Officers are,
Rev'd J P. Hecht, President,
" B. Keller, Secretary,
" W. Bætis, Treasurer.

This Synod consists of 58 Ministers—Congregations 178—Baptized 5195—Confirmed 2479—Communicants 25,143—Burials 1597—Schools 142.

Next meeting of this Synod at Easton, on Trinity Sunday 1836.

Hartwick Synod.

In their minutes for 1834, by a committee they appointed on our minutes, in which they state: that they are very much gratified, that the Brethern of North Carolina Synod, are diligently and successfully engaged in the work of our Divine Redeemer.

In the minutes of 1835 the same Synod have noticed that Andrew Seechrist was excluded from our Synod for his immoral conduct.

The Officers are,
Rev'd A. Crownse, President,
" J. Z. Senderling, Secretary,
" D. Eyster, Treasurer.

Ordained ministers and Licentiates present 16—congregations 40—Baptisms 476—confirmations 423—Admitted 31—communicants 4500—Bible classes 7—Sunday schools 21—Temperance societies 16—District prayer meetings 58.

Next meeting of this synod to be on the last Saturday in September 1336.

West Pennsylvania Synod.

We noticed that the Secretary of said Synod, was ordered to forward to the different Lutheran synods in the United States, several copies of their minutes, a certain number was received by us. There is nothing more in the same that your committee consider interesting to this body,

The Officers are,

Rev'd J. G. Schmucker, D. D. President,
" G. A. Reichart, Secretary,
" F. Ruthrauff, Treasurer.

This synodical meeting consisted of 42 ministers—congregations 129—Baptisms 2069—confirmations 1207—communicants 11107—Burials 468—Sunday schools 62.

Next meeting of this synod to be held at Lewistown on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1836.

Synod of New York.

In these minutes for 1835 there is nothing interesting to this Ecclesiastical Body.

The Officers are,

Rev'd A. Wackerhagen, D. D. President,
" H. N. Pohlman, Secretary.
" F. W Geissenhainer, Jr. Treasurer.

Ministers 17—congregations 22—Baptisms 749—confirmed 120—Admitted 171—communicants 3126—Removed 21—Funerals 276—Schools 10.

Next meeting of this Synod to be in New Germantown New Jersey, on the 2d Saturday of September, 1836.

Eastern District Synod of Ohio.

In these minutes, your committee saw an acknowledgement of a certain number of minutes of our synod for the year 1834. There is nothing more in those minutes interesting to this Body.

The Officers are,

Rev'd J. Mechling, President,
" J. J. Fast, Secretary.
" D. Rothacker, Treasurer.

Number of ministers 15—congregations 60—Baptisms 1318—confirmed 756—communicants 7168—Burials 168—Schools 28.

Next meeting of the whole synod in ——— , on Trinity Sunday 1836.

Synod of South Carolina.

The minutes of this synod were read by your committee with a great deal of attention and consideration. This document is very interesting, and contains a subject of great importance to this body. Rev'd E. L. Hazelius D. D. and Mr. H. Muller, Esq, were appointed commissioners on the part of that venerable Body, to confer with this Body as to the possibility and reciprocal benefits derived from a union of efforts in the support and patronage of the Lutheran Seminary at Lexington, S. C. Your committee are very much gratified of said commissioner's appearance amongst us. The President of the same synod in his report speaks in high terms of the zeal, and industry of the members of the North Carolina synod, and that they are

desirous of this synod co-operating with them in accomplishing an object of such great magnitude. We have received six copies of their minutes ordered to this Body.

The Officers are,

Rev'd S. A. Mealy, President,
" J. C. Hope, Secretary,
Col. W. Coughman Treasurer.

This synod is composed of 10 ministers—Licentiates 2—Licensed students of Divinity 4—congregations 31—Baptisms, whites 220—colored persons 58—confirmations, whites 89—colored persons 5—communicants 1840—Burials 122—Sunday schools 14.

Next meeting of this synod, to be at St. John's Church, Lexington District, South Carolina, on the 2d Saturday in November, 1836.

Your committee feel very much rejoiced, that the ministers of the different Lutheran synods, were diligently and successfully engaged in leading sinners to the Saviour, and that they have done much during the last synodical year: but there remains more to be done in future, than has been done heretofore, for "*The harvest is truly great*," but our labourers are few in number.

Your committee would recommend, that six copies of our minutes, be sent to the several sister synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB MILLER, Chairman.

This report was accepted.

It was moved and seconded, that the revised constitution of the General synod be read; which was done.

Whereupon, it was Resolved, That the whole of the amendments of the constitution of the General synod be adopted by this synod: and also that the declaration be confirmed.—*See B.*

Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the synod adopt the balance of this Report.

Adopted.

No. 5: Your committee on the same, to whom it was assigned to examine the President's Report, have attended to their duty; and as the report is not very lengthly, the committee is of opinion that no extract ought to be made from it: and therefore, recommend that it should be annexed to, and be printed with the minutes —*See A.*

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY GRÆBER, Chairman.

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the President's report be adopted.

A part of the last year's minutes was now read.

The President now put the question to the ministerial brethren, whether the resolutions passed at the last session, respecting Catechetical instructions and sunday schools, had been complied with?

To which, the brethren gave a general and favourable reply in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the Rev'd Jacob Scherer be authorized by this synod, to collect of Mr. Adam Ritter, since he has declined the prosecution of his studies, the sum of $25 00, which was given him by this synod, with the only intention to aid him on in his studies whilst at Gettysburg.

Resolved, That the Rev'd E. A. Bolles be appointed as a Book Agent.

Resolved, That the contributions, intended for the Treasury of this synod be paid over.

Rev'd Jacob Scherers' congregations:	
St. Paul's Church,	$1 76¼
St. John's Church,	4 50
Burke's Garden,	2 52½
Zion's Church,	3 80
Kimberling's,	1 25
Kolep's Church,	72½
Sharon Church,	55
Rev'd Henry Græber's congregations:	
St. John's Church,	8 00
Organ Church,	5 67½
Sewitzes Church,	2 58¾
Rev'd Jacob Miller,	25
" Adam Greimes,	25
" Daniel Jenkin's congregations:	
Bethel Church,	2 48
Union Church,	2 76
Peck's Church,	83¼
Coldwater Church,	3 63
Sandy Creek Church,	1 37½
Pilgrim's Church,	1 00
St. John's Church, Salisbury,	2 00
Mr. P. Oehler,	1 20
Total,	$47 21¼

The Parochial reports were now called for, which were handed in by some of the brethren; and others promised to forward them in due season to the Secretary.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers account, appeared and reported the same correctly kept; and stated that they had found in the Treasury of this Synod, the sum of (including a bond) $50 37

Respectfully submitted by Jacob Scherer, Chairman.

The amount received at the session of this Synod, 47 21¼

added to that sum, shows that the Treasury contains - - $97 58¼

Moved and seconded that the Treasurer of this Synod refund the sum of $9 21¼ as postage to the Secretary, expended by him during the past year on Synodical documents; which was complied with.

The Synod now passed the following resolution:

Resolved, Whereas this Synod has learned, that Mr. Andrew Seechrist of Smyth county, Virginia continues to claim connection with the Lutheran Synod, and to pass himself in the church and in the world, for a Lutheran Preacher;—misrepresenting and abusing the characters and proceedings of our Ministers as a body, and some respectable members of our communion, as unchristian and tyranical. We deem it a duty which we owe to them, to ourselves and to the church at large, and that the truth may appear, to state that his case was prayerfully and faithfully examined, according to the word of God, and that we found the most convincing evidences that he was guilty of the charges brought against him; charges of drunkenness, and of violating the sacred precepts of the Gospel; that he is neither a member nor Minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church: and that those persons who claim him as their minister are not Lutherans. Moreover, we do not hold ourselves responsible for his doctrines, or any of his ministerial acts.

Vacant Congregations were now inquired into: the result of which is to be seen in the proceedings of the Ministerium.

According to the Constitution of this Synod, the President, the Rev. W. Artz, gave the previous notice required of the resignation of the Congregations under his charge.

The Rev. D. Jenkins also stated, that he had informed his Congregations with the exception of Coldwater, and that he wished to relinquish them.

Resolved, That the 31st day of October next, the anniversary of the GLORIOUS REFORMATION, be celebrated by holding public worship, which, under the auspices of the Great Head of the Church, was chiefly effected by the instrumentality of Dr. MRATIN LUTHER. "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

Resolved, That the Minutes of this Synod shall be printed both in the English and in the German language for this year, but after this year only in the English language.

Resolved, That 1,000 copies of the Minutes be printed; 700 in the English, and 300 in the German language.

Resolved, That the Secretary superintend the printing of the Minutes; and also translate them into the German language: and that he receive $5 00 for the translation of them.

Resolved, That the next meeting of this Synod will be held on the 4th Sunday in May 1827; in St. John's Church, Cabarrus County, N. Carolina.

Resolved, That we now appoint Delegates to the next General Synod.

An election was held by ballot, and on counting the votes, it appeared that the Rev. Secretary was duly elected, as a Ministerial Delegate; and Mr. Daniel Cress Esq., as a Lay-Delegate to meet the next General Synod at Hagerstown, Maryland.

Moved and seconded that the Synod adjourn to meet again to-morrow morning.

Prayer by the Rev. Jacob Miller.

Whereupon, the President announced the Ministerial session.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERIUM.

The Ministerium met this evening in a proper place at candle light; and united in solemn singing and prayer with the President.

The President now requested the Licentiates to hand in their licenses that had been expired.

Moved and seconded, that the Licentiates be examined before the whole Ministerium.

The sermons and journals of the Licentiates were called for and examined with considerable satisfaction.

Whereas the Rev. G. Shober has resigned the Hopewell Congregation:

Resolved, That the Hopewell Congregation endeavor to obtain a regular Minister; and that we will aid them in the same, as far as practicable; and that the Rev. G. Shober has the privilege to officiate in said Congregation as often as he can conveniently do so.

Resolved, That the Rev. A Greimes receive License for two years.

Resolved, That we regret that a portion of the members of Union Congregation has withdrawn from the Pastoral district of Salisbury; and that dissatisfaction prevails in the same; and under existing cicumstances we do not deem it expedient to grant the request of the Petitioners.

Resolved, That as the Rev. D. Jenkins intends to remove to the West, we cannot grant the petition's request of Coldwater Church.

Resolved, That the Rev. President, and the Rev. B. Arey visit the Congregations in Lincoln county, N. C., once during the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Rev. J. Miller visit the Congregations in Stokes county, N. C., as frequently as he can during the ensuing year.*

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* *Whereas*, The Ministerium has discovered that a mistake occurred, in some way, in the first resolution of the last year's Ministerial session, relative to the Rev. J. Miller and Gerber's Church: Read, "*are satisfactory*," instead, "are not satisfactory." THE SECRETARY.

Resolved, That the Rev. B. Arey take charge of Pecks, Pilgrims, Sandy Creek churches in Davidson county; and Bethel church in Montgomery county, North Carolina.

We would also recommend the attention and charge of Coldwater church, in Cabarrus county, N. C., to the Rev. B. Arey.

Resolved, That in as much as the Rev. B. Arey has consented to take charge of the above named Congregations, we regret, that we cannot gratify the Petitioners of Chillhowee, Colleps and Southfork of Holtston Congregations in Virginia.

Resolved, That the Rev. E. A. Bolles be requested to take charge of St. Michaels Church in Iredell county, N. C.

The Rev. A. Greimes' License being filled up, it was handed to him by the President.

The Rev. Messrs. E. A. Bolles and B. Arey were examined principally on the subject of Divinity, which upon the whole resulted favorably to the Rev. Young Gentlemen.

Resolved, That the Rev. B. Arey receive full License for the term of one year.

Resolved, That the Rev. E. A. Bolles also receive full License for the term of one year.

Resolved, That the Rev. D. Jenkins, obtain License for the term of one year, with a view to missionate in the West.

After a short and sleepless intermission, the Ministerium resumed its Session.

WEDNESDAY, May 18th—5 o'clock, A. M.

The Ministerium met again, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Miller.

Mr. John Schweisgood appeared as an applicant for License.

Resolved, That Mr. Schweisgood be examined.

The examination was now attended to; and it resulted almost beyond expectation.

Resolved, That Mr. J. Schweisgood, receive License with certain restrictions, for one year: with a hope that he will make all the literary improvements he can.

The President now handed the different Licenses to all the several gentlemen in proper order and at a suitable time.

The proceedings of the Ministerium were now closed.

HENRY GRÆBER, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD.

At 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met again in the Church; and united in singing and prayer with the Rev. Secretary.

After which, the Synod resumed its business.

Resolved, That the following order of handing in the parochial reports be observed in future: as the Statistical Table will show.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Ministers' Names.	No. of Congregations.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmations.	No. admitted from other Churches.	No of individuals who have partaken of the Lord's Supper.	No. entitled to Communion.	No. removed.	No. deaths of memb'rs	No. of Funerals attended in congregations.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars. Adults.	Scholars. Children.	No. of Catechumens.	No. of Candidates for Confirmation.	No. of couples married	*POST-OFFICES.*
Rev. G. Shober,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Salem, N. C.
" J. Scherer,	6	62	0	7	0	400	0	0	0	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	Rural Retreat, Wyth, co., Va.
" J. Miller,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Davidson county, N. C.
" H. Græber,	3	124	4	69	0	575	800	0	0	15	3	62	0	440	0	0	10	Near Salisbury, N. C.
" D. Scherer,	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Hillsborough, Illinois.
" W. Artz,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Holt's Store, Orange co. N. C.
" J. Grieson,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Alemance, Guilford co. N. C.
" A. Greimes,	1	0	0	7	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Wilkes county, N. C.
" D. Jenkins,	0	92	7	30	0	0	0	0	0	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	West.
" E. A. Bolles,	3	1	0	0		0	0	0	0	2	1	6	0	0	0	0	5	Salisbury, N. C.
" B. Arey,	5	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Lexington, N. C.
TOTAL.	19	289	11	113	0	989	800	0	0	40	16	68	0	440	0	0	15	

This is the Statistical Table adopted by this Synod, but it appears to the observer as the Ocean to the navigator, on which he notices once in a while several vessels. A table of this kind will require more attention in future to parochial reports, than has been paid to them hitherto.

SECRETARY.

Resolved, That we disapprove of the use of ardent Spirits as a drink, and that it is highly necessary that the subject of Temperance be recommended to our people. Further, that the Ministers of this body endeavor to form Temperance Societies wherever practicable.

Though this Synod is highly in favor of Temperance in all things, it is not unanimous as to the manner in which it is recommended to be enforced.

Resolved, That the Rev. J. Greison be excused for not attending this Synod in consequence of bodily indisposition.

Resolved, That the President appoint a Clerical Delegate to the German Reformed Classis, which is to meet at Grace Church, Rowan county, N. C., on Wednesday preceding the second Sabbath in May, 1837.

The Rev. J. Miller was appointed as a Delegate to that body.

Resolved, That it is deeply† to be regretted, that on account of imperfections heretofore existing in parochial returns, handed in at Synod, it was impracticable to lay before the Christian community, the actual number and strength of our Congregations.

† *Resolved*, That the Rev. Daniel Scherer receive an honorable dismission from this Synod.

The Committee appointed to give instructions to the Delegates, appointed by this Synod, to that of South Carolina, beg leave to say: That we believe all the instruction necessary is, to do nothing contrary to the proposed propositions, and to promise no larger sum of money than can be obtained.

1. Strictly to adhere to the propositions made by the Commissioners of the South Carolina Synod to the Committee appointed by this Synod.

☞ 2. Make no agreement to raise a larger sum of money than can be obtained.

J. SCHERER, *Chairman*.

The Synodical business having been transacted, it was

Resolved, That this Synod adjourn to meet again in the place, and at the time herein before agreed.

The Rev. President now expressed the thanks of the Synod to the Congregation. for their kindness, christian friendship, and hospitality, manifested towards us, during our stay amongst them.

HENRY GRÆBER, *Sec.*

(A) PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren: Through the kind Providence of God we have been preserved another year, and have the pleasure of seeing and embracing each other in Synod. Another opportunity is afforded us to transact business of the greatest importance as Ministers of Christ, and Stewards of the mysteries of God.

This Synod has existed since the year 1803, and at some of its previous Sessions the number of members was almost as many more as at present. Some of the first members of this body have been removed out of time into eternity; they are now resting from their labors and are enjoying the blissful rewards of their piety and zeal. Some are now laboring in the vineyard of our Lord in the Synod of South Carolina. Some have removed to the West, and are now members of the Western Conference; and others have gone to the North. We are but few in number at present, and have great need to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send more labourers in his field and strengthen us, that we may be steadfast and immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

According to the Constitution of this Rev. Body, it has been made my duty to present a written report of Ecclesiastical affairs, which occurred during our last Synodical year.

In the month of August I received four copies of the Minutes of the 4th Session of the Hartwick Synod. Three of them were sent to members of this body, by the Rev. Benjamin Arey.

In the same month, I received a letter from our worthy brother, Samuel

Rothrock, in which he informed me that he had located in St. Thomas, Pennsylvania, and requested an honourable dismission from our Synod, which I gave him some time after the reception of his letter.

In the month of December, Mr. Benjamin Arey, late student in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, applied to me for License. Having been favored by the Rev. H. Græber with a letter, containing a satisfactory recommendation of him, and believing that he could be a useful Minister of the Gospel, with the blessing of God. After having duly examined him, I gave him License on the 24th day of December; authorizing him to labor in the bounds of this Synod until this Session.

On the 7th day of February, I received a letter from the Rev. Edwin A. Bolles, dated the 30th of December, in which he informed me, that he had accepted a call to the pastoral charge of the Lutheran Congregation in the town of Salisbury.

The 22nd day of January I received a letter from the Rev. Daniel Jenkins, in which he informed me, that he had received an invitation from Union Congregation, to serve the same for the ensuing year, and that he consented so to do, if the major part of the members were willing.

On the 4th day of February, I received a letter from our Secretary, the Rev. H. Græber, in which he informed me, that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, at its last Session, had appointed the Rev. Dr. Ernest L. Hazelius and Mr. Henry Muller, a Committee to confer with our Synod, at its present Session, with a view to propose a union of effort to secure to our church in these southern States, more generally, the advantages of a Theological instution. This is an object of the highest importance, to which your attention will be invited. I trust it will be regarded by the members of this Synod, as meriting our most serious consideration.

Sometime in last month, I received a letter from brother Daniel Scherer, in which he informed me that he was a member of the Western Synod, and requests an honorable dismission from this Synod, which doubtless will be granted.

Accept, Dear Brethren, my sincere thanks for the respect you have manifested towards me, and the confidence you have placed in me. May the eternal Son of God, the Great Head of the Church, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, be with us according to his promise, and fill our hearts with wisdom and love, that the glory of God and the salvation of immortal souls may be promoted by our deliberations.

JACOB SCHERER, *President.*

(B.)

Part of the Constitution of the General Synod.

Articles of the Old Constitution, with the amendments immediately following.

1. Article II. Paragraph 2nd of the Old Constitution of the General Synod.—"Every Synodical body or Synod (whether of Ministers only, or of Ministers and Lay-Deputies together) containing six Ministers, may send one; if it contains fourteen, two; if twenty-five, three; if forty, four; if sixty, five; and if it contains eighty-six Ministers, or upwards, six-Deputies of the rank of ordained Ministers, and an equal number of Lay-Deputies."

The amendment: "Every Synodical body, or Synod (whether of Ministers only, or Ministers and Lay-Deputies together) containing six Ministers," may send two; if it contains fourteen, three, if twenty-five, four; if forty, five; if sixty, six; and if it contains eight-six Ministers or upwards, seven deputies, "of the rank of ordained Ministers, and an equal number of Lay-Deputies."

2. Art. III. Section 2. Specificatic 1st. and 2nd.

"With regard to all books and writings proposed for public use in the church, the General Synod shall act as a Joint Committee of the special Synods and Ministeriums, after the following manner, viz: 1. The General Synod shall examine all books and writings, such as Catechisms, forms of Liturgy, collections of Hymns or Confessions of Faith, proposed by the special Synods for public use, and give their well considered advice, counsel, or opinions concerning the same. No Synod, therefore, and no Ministerium standing in connexion with this General Synod, shall set forth any new book or writing of the kind above mentioned, for public use in the church, without having previously transmitted a full and complete copy thereof to the General Synod, for the purpose of receiving their said advice, counsel, or opinion. 2. Whenever the General Synod shall deem it proper or necessary, they may propose to the special Synods or Ministeriums, new books or writings of the kind mentioned above, for general or special public use. Every proposal of the kind, the several or respective Synods and Ministeriums shall duly consider, and if they or any of them shall be of opinion that the said book or books, writing or writings, will not conduce to the end proposed, then, and in such a case it is hoped that the reasons of such opinion will be transmitted to the next convention of the General Synod, in order that the same may be entered on their Journal."

The amendment: "*Whenever the General Synod shall deem it proper or necessary, they may propose to the special Synod or Ministeriums, new books or writings, such as catechisms forms of liturgy, collections of hymns for general or special use in the church. Every proposal of the kind, the several or respective Synods may duly consider; and if they or any of them shall be of opinion that the said book or books, writing writings, will not conduce to the end proposed, they may reject them, and adopt such liturgical books as they may think proper.*"

3. Art. III. Sec. 3. "If hereafter twenty-five Ministers, dwelling together within a certain marked boundary, fifteen of whom being ordained Ministers, shall apply to the General Synod for permission to create within themselves a special Ministerium, and the Synod or special Ministerium to which they have previously belonged, do not, upon due notice given of their intention so to apply, make any serious or important objection, then the General Synod shall have power to grant the permission; and if within the bounds of a whole State, no special Synod or Ministerium shall yet have existed, and six ordained Ministers residing therein shall apply for permission to create within themselves a special Ministerium, the General Synod shall authorise the establishment of a new Synod and Ministerium within the said State. But until the permission or authority be thus formally conceded, no deputies of a new Synod or Ministerium shall be acknowledged to have a seat and vote in the General Synod."

The amendment: "*All regular constituted Lutheran Synods, holding the fundamental doctrines of the Bible as taught by our Church, not now in connexion with the General Synod, may at any time become associated with it by adopting this Constitution and sending delegates to its Convention, according to the ratio specified in par. 2., Art. 8.*"

4. Art. VII. "No alteration of this Constitution may be made except by the consent of two-thirds of the Synods attached to this Convention; notice of the intended alteration having been given to said Synods at least two years previous to the final adoption thereof."

The amendment: "*No alteration of this Constitution may be made except by the consent of two thirds of the Synods attached to this Convention; an exact copy of the intended alterations to be sent by the Secretary to all the Presidents of the District Synods in connexion with this body, with the request that they would lay them before their respective Synods for decision.*" *If at the subsequent meeting of the General Synod it shall appear from their Minutes that two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alterations, they shall accordingly be made.*

Declaration: 5. "*With regard to any objectionable features in the Constitution recommended to the District Synods, your Committee would observe, that they did not come within their revision, but they are left entirely to the individual Synods which adopted that form of Constitution.*"

EXTRACT

From the Minutes of the Education and Missionary Society, composed of the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 1 O'CLOCK, MAY 18, 1836.

Agreeably to a Resolution of the last session, the Society met in Pilgrim's Church, Davidson County, N. C., at the close of the Synod. The Rev'd. D. Jenkins according to appointment at the last session, opened the Society by preaching a Missionary discourse, from Acts, 16, 9, last clause, "Come over into Macedonia; and help us." After divine worship, sixteen persons subscribed their names as members of the Society.

An election for Officers for the ensuing year was held, and the following persons were chosen, viz:

Rev'd. William Artz, President.
" Henry Græber, Secretary.
Mr. Moses L. Brown, Treasurer.

The President appointed the following six Gentlemen as Directors:

Rev'd. Jacob Scherer,
" Benjamin Arey,
" Edwin A. Bolles,
" Jacob Miller,
Mr. John Michael and
" Michael Zink.

Resolved, That these Directors serve for the term of one year.

A Committee was now elected by ballot to employ a Missionary, viz:

Rev'd Henry Græber,
Col. John Smith and
Mr. John Philippi.

Moved and seconded, that a Committee of two Gentlemen be appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, viz:

Rev'd. Benjamin Arey, and
Mr. John Michael.

The Committee on the Treasurer's account now reported. The Report being heard.

Moved and seconded, that this Report be adopted.

The Committee found remaining in the hands of the Society, the sum of - - - - - -	$32	61¼
Received at the present session - - - -	11	50
And added to the former fund, makes the Total	$44	11¼

Moved and seconded, that an Extract of the Minutes of the Society be made, and added to, and be printed with the Minutes of the Synod.

Resolved, That this Society will hold its next Meeting at the close of the next Synodical Session.

Resolved, That the Rev'd. Benjamin Arey be appointed to preach the Missionary Discourse, on the 4th Sunday in May, P. M., 1837, at the same place where the Synod meets.

HENRY GRÆBER, *Secretary*.